

# Campus overwhelmed by number of student organizations

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Northwest has the highest ratio of student organizations to students compared to neighboring universities, but the University’s organizations struggle with a shortage of trained advisers.

Student Senate recognized 10 new student organizations last semester, bringing the total number of organizations on campus to 218, making for one organization for every 25 students.

Comparably sized universities, like Pittsburg State University, have fewer organizations compared to their student bodies. Pittsburg State has a 1:38 organization-to-student ratio, Missouri Southern State University has a 1:38 ratio and Missouri Western State University has a 1:50 ratio.

Even larger universities have fewer organizations compared to their enrollment than Northwest; Missouri State University has a 1:40 ratio and the University of Missouri has a 1:43 ratio.

During the Oct. 23 meeting, Student Senate adviser Kori Hoffmann cautioned Student Senate to think carefully about recognitions with this issue in mind. Hoffmann said the University does not have enough trained advisers to support the number of organizations it has.

“Unfortunately, we have not had a system in place to train advisers and inform them of the expectations to be a good adviser,” Hoffmann said.

The Office of Student Involvement is creating an adviser training program so advisers know what is expected of them and are better equipped to help students.

If an adviser is not well equipped to help an organization, the Office of Student Involvement steps in, but this has led to the OSI becoming the adviser for a number of organizations. Hoffmann said this stretches OSI staff thin and prevents them from working on other aspects of their jobs.

Hoffmann said another issue is multiple recognized organizations fulfilling the same purpose or sharing goals with organizations that already exist, which is an issue Organizational Affairs Committee Chair Garrett Niemeier said the committee takes into account when considering a new organization.

“We want to have new organizations on campus, but sometimes we run into an organization that comes in and just sounds like one we already have on campus,” Niemeier said. “At that point, we usually refer them to that organization and invite them back the next week to discuss if they are still wanting to go through the recognition process.”

Hoffmann said some organizations come to Student Senate with ways to differentiate from other, similar organizations to justify creating a new organization. He said they could work together in one organization with separate committees.

The discussion surrounding Fighting Games Club, which sparked Hoffmann’s initial warning, centered primarily on how it differed from Northwest Games Club because the former was interested in competing in e-sports and the latter focused on board games and competition within the club.

Hoffmann said these organizations could have worked together in spite of their differences as separate committees.

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Students make the trek across campus in the bitter cold of the winter. This semester alone Northwest has had two and a half snow days.

# Too cool for school

## Northwest cancels classes amid dangerously cold temperatures

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Maryville faced record-breaking low temperatures Wednesday as an arctic deep freeze engulfed the midwest, resulting in Northwest canceling classes and closing campus.

The city faced the coldest day of the winter so far with temperatures dropping to minus 5 degrees with a wind chill ranging from minus 25 to minus 40 degrees. According to the National Weather Service, a record low temperature was set Wednesday, breaking the previous record set in 1960.

The University closed at 6 p.m. Tuesday and remained closed through Wednesday. The only buildings on campus that remained open were Bearcat Commons in the J.W. Jones Student Union and Mooyah in the Station.

The decision to cancel classes is made by a team of University leaders including the president, facilities, the provost, the vice president of student affairs, human resource director, the athletics director and University police chief.

All team members give input, but the president is the one who makes the final decision. University Police Chief Clarence Green also serves as the emergency management coordinator.

Green said he received a report from the weather service at 5:11 a.m. Tuesday warning about dangerously cold wind chills to be expected Tuesday night and into Wednesday.

The weather service rates the weather on a four tier scale, the first tier being minor to the fourth tier being historic. Maryville fell in the critical impact, which is the third tier. The weather service warned

that frostbite would begin to occur in 15 minutes in these weather conditions.

After reviewing these reports, Green spoke with President John Jasinski to schedule a meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. At the conclusion of that meeting, the decision was made to close the University.

“We’re just trying to use a lot of information to make good decisions,” Green said.

KCP&L reported that 2,010 Nodaway County customers were affected by a power outage. To those affected out of the bitter cold, Laura Street Baptist Church and The Station were opened to students, faculty and staff as warming stations.

Northwest also canceled classes last Wednesday, Jan. 23 putting classes that meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays two class periods behind.

Art professor Martha Breckenridge teaches Renaissance and Baroque art which meets once a week on Wednesdays. This class has met once since the beginning of the semester.

“Unfortunately we’ve only been able to meet one time, but I would far rather have this than have people risking having problems in the cold weather,” Breckenridge said.

To make up for lost in-class time Breckenridge recorded her lessons on Audacity and sent them out to the 17 students enrolled in her class.

“Although we are not able to meet face-to-face, at least we won’t be hopelessly behind by two to three art classes,” Breckenridge said.

Northwest reopened campus and resumed classes as usual for Thursday.

# Lawmakers push to ban texting while driving

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Missouri lawmakers are searching for a way to implement a ban on texting while driving.

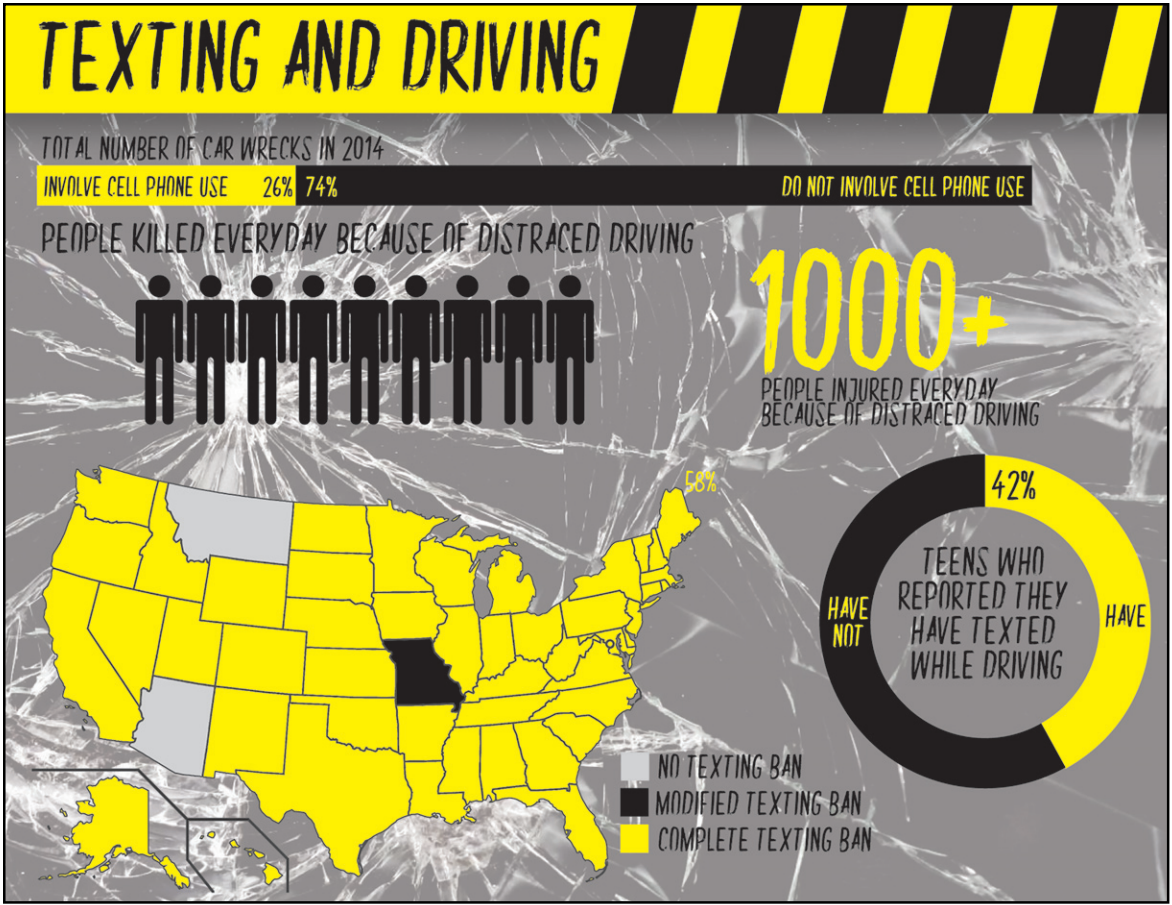
Missouri has a ban against texting while driving for those under the age of 21 and bus operators. Texting while driving, although discouraged, is legal for drivers over the age of 21.

Missouri has seen a major move toward safer driving in 2019. In January alone, two bills have been introduced into the Missouri General Assembly to ban texting while driving.

Sen. Wayne Wallingford, R-Mo., submitted Senate Bill 15 to the Missouri Senate, which was read by the Senate Jan. 9 and read again Jan. 17. In addition, Rep. Greg Razer submitted House Bill 211 to the Missouri House of Representatives, which has also received multiple readings. The bills paralleled each other, having similar punishments and fines for texting while driving, no matter the age.

Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood showed support for the change to Missouri’s distracted driving laws.

“[Texting while driving] is just as bad for a young person who is comfortable with what they are doing and can do it quickly as it is for somebody like myself that is going to take your eyes off the road,” Wood said. “Probably longer than a young person would do the same thing.”



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Wood showed distaste for texting while driving no matter the age of the person doing so.

“I would not mind seeing texting banned from driving period,” Wood said. “I know that one of those bills that I did read had cell

phone use in its entirety restricted short of a hands-free device.”

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, they saw a 33 percent increase in texting while driving misdemeanors for drivers under the age of 21 from 2015 to

2016. In 2015, the number of texting and driving misdemeanors totaled 57, and in 2016, the total increased to 76.

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Maryville has a long-time streak of being a safe city. The small town feel of Maryville provides college students an extra feeling of safety, which is valid considering the town's record.

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# Maryville ranked among safest cities

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The National Council for Home Safety and Security named Maryville as the ninth safest city in Missouri for 2019. To determine this rank, 7,639 cities were factored in and reviewed from the 2018 FBI Uniform Crime Report Statistics. Maryville had 24 violent crimes and 151 property crimes, making its violent crime rate 2.030 and property crime rate 12.775 per 1,000 population. City Manager Greg McDanel attributes the city's high safety ranking to Maryville Public Safety, city police, Nodaway County Sheriff's Office, UPD and Missouri Highway Patrol, all of which perform law enforcement actions in the community. "To be in the top 10 is fantastic," McDanel said. "It shows exceptional performance from mul-

iple law enforcement agencies." Maryville has 22 officers and the Nodaway County Sheriff's office has 14 sworn deputies. Nodaway County Sheriff Randy Strong said this law enforcement presence plays a role in keeping Maryville ranked as one of the safest cities. "I hope everybody realizes that the law enforcement we have in the county and the city are invested in this for the long haul because our families live here," Strong said. "We're committed to protecting." Strong said Maryville has one of the lowest unemployment rates in Missouri, which can also be attributed to the low crime rates. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Nodaway County had an unemployment rate of 2.6 percent in December. "In the county we have a rural area that is predominately family oriented and hardworking, and then you have the University peo-

ple that are hardworking and highly educated that makes a good melting pot, a very culturally diverse area and it just works well together," Strong said. At the top of the list for safest cities is Ballwin followed by Webster Groves. Typically college towns have added difficulty in keeping crime rates down. However, Webster Groves - college town to Webster Groves University - and Maryville seem to be the exception. Columbia, college town to the University of Missouri, falls 62 on the list. Rolla, college town to Missouri Science and Technology is ranked 42 on the list. Last year, Maryville was ranked as the sixth safest city in Missouri. According to Alarms.org, which published the list, Missouri is the 36th safest state for property crime, and the violent crime rate is above the national average with 3.9 crimes per 1,000 population. The national average is 3.47 crimes per 1,000. "It's just a matter of things that happen throughout the year," McDanel said. "I think whether we are ranked sixth, ninth or 20th I think to be in the top 25 safest cities is phenomenal and where we are at ranking each year on that will vary."

Moving forward for the future safety of Maryville, Strong said he would like to see Maryville city government paying attention to the needs of law enforcement. "We are trying to get our 911 center put together, it's had financial issues and troubles in the past and now the equipment is worn out," Strong said. "They have put a lot into the infrastructure." Strong said some in law enforcement feel that it has not been funded as well as it could be. "I hope they don't forget us because we are an important part of keeping our image up in the community," Strong said. McDanel said that being ranked as one of the safest cities is a great thing but worries sometimes crimes are not reported to maintain the image of the city. "We would rather have those crimes reported than any sort of ranking that we would have," McDanel said. "We encourage anybody who has been a victim of an assault, a sexual assault, drug activity, we encourage people to seek those services and seek law enforcement assistance when necessary."

## Northwest students face rental issues, sue landlord

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While living off-campus for many is cheaper than living on-campus, there are a lot more challenges renters can face. When renting an apartment, duplex or house, students should be aware of their rights as a renter, as well as the laws that protect both them and their landlords. According to the Missouri Attorney General, tenants are expected to do things like pay rent on time, not damage property, dispose of garbage and make sure to gain the landlord's written permission before taking on additional roommates. The Missouri Attorney General also has expectations for landlords including making repairs from wear and tear, providing written notice if the property changes ownership and not turning off a renters water, electricity or gas. However, issues with landlords can also go beyond not adhering to their expectations. Junior Stephanie Rauch said she and her roommates began renting a house in Maryville in December, and immediately began to have issues with the landlords. "The first thing we noticed was that the wife's car never left the driveway, which was odd because there was four of us college students living there, so we had to have parking room too," Rauch said. Rauch said she and her roommates then became aware of other strange issues related to her landlord. "The second was that their mail was still coming there," Rauch said. "They claimed they moved into another place in another town, but we noticed all their mail still coming to the home, we thought it was just a little odd."

Rauch and her roommates lived in the house for 26 days, from Dec. 1 to Dec. 27, 2018, and in that time Rauch said the landlords were in and out of their home at least nine times. Rauch believes the landlords were afraid they were going to damage the home while they lived there. "They would constantly remind us of how much they 'loved' their home," Rauch said. "It got to the point where it wasn't just making me and my roommates uncomfortable but was making out parents uncomfortable too. Us tenants thought they would stop coming by so much, but it never seemed to stop." According to Realtor.com, landlords are not legally allowed to show up unannounced or let themselves in if the tenant is not home. Landlords can only enter a rented property if the tenant is given notice 24 to 48-hour notice.

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Founder of Maryville T-N-R program Jami Hull spends time playing with cats, Zain and Opal, from one of her first rescues at her home Jan. 26.

# New program helps rescue feral felines

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A Maryville resident is using their passion for animals to help the stray and feral cats in town.

In December 2018, Jami Hull founded T-N-R Maryville, a non-profit program that focuses on rehabilitating feral cats and controlling their population by trapping the cats, spaying or neutering them and then returning them to where they were trapped from or placing them up for adoption.

Hull said she has always had a love for cats, and that love is what helped her to establish the program.

"I went to school to be a cat behaviorist. So, I work with people inside their homes with their problematic cats," Hull said. "And what I learned along the way, through my career, is that there are a lot of problems outside of the home with ferals and strays. So, that is why I created the trap-neuter-return, to help those who didn't have a home or someone to

help them."

Hull said she mainly works with the Nodaway Vet Clinic to spay or neuter the cats. Once that has been done, the cats will either be released back to the location they were trapped from, sent to a new location or be placed up for adoption.

Hull said she is working with the Nodaway County Humane Society to find homes for some of the cats she rescued. To date, the humane society has taken in four cats that Hull rescued.

"How I do that is I screen them (the cats) when I trap them. I look for cats that are feral or if I feel like they have qualities that could be tamable," Hull said. "Then from there, I bring them here (to her home) for a few weeks to kind of adjust to being inside, and then they can go to their new homes."

Hull has 10 adoptable cats in her home that are being rehabilitated and three cats of her own. Hull's bedroom back wall has two cages stacked on top of each

other with mature cats in them. The wall adjacent to this has two more stacked cages with kittens in them.

When Hull walks into her bedrooms, the cats began to meow, rubbing their faces against the bars of the cages.

Hull's three cats roam the house freely, one is a small, orange tabby kitten that Hull rescued who stays near to her. Since starting the T-N-R program, she has helped over 50 cats.

Hull said she is the main person who runs the program but does have some donors and volunteers.

Maryville resident Skye Pournazari has worked with Hull, helping to create flyers and trap cats. Pournazari said she is working to create a calendar focusing on the cats Hull has rescued, to help raise money for the program.

"These are local cats that have had various issues, and most of them are fairly young kittens," Pournazari said. "I'll go with her sometimes to some locations and take some pictures, or she will send me pictures of those kittens kind of

once they've been cleaned up a bit and are a little less rowdy."

Pournazari said the calendar is going to feature a short story about the cats and how Hull rescued them as well as the name Hull has given them.

Although Hull gets help occasionally, she said she handles the bulk of the work.

"It makes for some long nights, and it takes a lot. I use my personal van to take them back and forth and release them, so it stinks because they are feral cats and they are scared," Hull said. "It takes quite a bit of my personal time, but I enjoy it."

Pournazari said she can tell how dedicated and passionate Hull is.

"Her van is, I've seen it quite messy from these cats, and I know that's a chore to clean," Pournazari said. "But it's something she cares about a lot."

Hull said one of her favorite parts about the T-N-R program is being able to watch the cats grow and find new homes.

"My first cat as a child was a stray, and he needed some TLC, and it was great watching the outcome," Hull said. "One of my favorite parts about the trap-neuter-return is the feral cats that I can work with and then watch as they are given a new life when they are adopted out."

While the main goal of the program is to help the cats and rehabilitate them, Hull said she also hopes she can teach people about feral cats and the T-N-R program.

"People always think there is nothing they can do about it because they are ferals or strays, but they can definitely do a lot," Hull said. "So, my goal is to educate people and kind of kick their compassion to want to help in gear."

Pournazari echoed Hull saying she hopes that the program brings awareness of the issue to Maryville.

"It's not a large city issue. It's an anywhere issue, and most of all, Maryville has this problem," Pournazari said. "She's trying to tackle it, and it is really good for the city and the cats themselves."

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# Reality more diverse than TV reflects



As a young female from an ethnic background, diversity is something important, whether that’s in reality shows or TV programs. It is vital to have other cultures incorporated in order to be educated about new perspectives and learn from other people’s experiences.

Reality shows always have a “token minority,” where they add a contestant from a different background to add the pretense of diversity to a homogenous cast. This is a shame as diversity should be accepted on all types of mainstream media.

Reality programs are supposed to engage viewers and provide drama unnecessarily. Whenever I watch a reality show, I always see

the same type of people.

According to research conducted at Iowa State University, 90 percent of reality TV contestants are typically Caucasian and skinny. Producers occasionally add in African-Americans to attempt diversity.

The aim of reality TV is to entertain and watch real-life situations unfold, but this cannot happen if other ethnic backgrounds are not being represented.

Take ABC’s “The Bachelor” for example, a show where a guy tries to find love amongst 25 girls and chooses one person to marry. Since the show debuted in 2002, there has always been an overwhelmingly ‘white’ presence, not just with the contestants, but also with the choice of bachelors. Out of the 20 seasons, there has only been one bachelor from a minority background; Juan Pablo, who is Latino.

Fifty-nine percent of black contestants who have appeared on the

show usually get voted off early in the seasons, mainly within the first two weeks. In 2013, the number of minority contestants increased to six, but then dropped again the following year to three.

According to CNN, the franchise was also targeted for a class action lawsuit in 2012 alleging racial discrimination. The suit alleged that ABC does not cast people of color because interracial romances would create controversy among the target audience. However, the case was dismissed, saying that the show has the First Amendment right to cast whoever they want.

Competition reality shows such as “Project Runway,” “Survivor” and “Top Chef” are wildly more diverse than “The Bachelor.”

“The Bachelor” portrays an unreflective reality to provide entertainment in fantasy situations, where stereotypes of “young” and “perfect” people want to achieve

fame. The show doesn’t truly represent the concept of love and doesn’t reflect today’s America with people from multicultural backgrounds.

People want to see contestants who are similar to themselves, so they can feel more connected whilst watching the shows. Diversity is something that should be celebrated, as it brings people together and provides new perspectives in media.

Seeing the same stereotypes just makes the shows boring and predictable with no variety, which is not beneficial for production companies if they want to be re-commissioned each year.

Another example is CBS’ “Big Brother” which is always criticized for not having a variety of diverse contestants. Big Brother is a show where ordinary people live in a house for a month, complete challenges daily and are evicted weekly until the final two remain and view-

ers vote on who wins the cash prize.

Over the seventeen seasons, only 19 percent of contestants have been people of color. This show has the tendency for racism with a lot of racial slurs and comments. One contestant told an Asian-American housemate to “shut up” and “go make some rice,” as well as referring to her as Kim Jong Un.

This type of behavior is unacceptable, especially in today’s society when people should be treated fairly and equally.

This raises the question of whether America accepts multiculturalism compared to other countries, whether that is skin color, age, gender or background.

Seeing people similar to me in media makes shows more relatable and fun to watch, as I don’t feel singled out from everyone else. It makes me feel that if they can achieve success and do well, I can also strive to be like them.

OUR VIEW:

## Ban on texting while driving necessary

Driving seems simple enough on paper, but once a cellphone is added to the mix it can turn from an easy trip to the grocery store to one that ends in tragedy.

The majority of college students do not go anywhere without their cellphones. This includes in the car. We are told texting while driving is dangerous and illegal, but this is not the message Missouri lawmakers are sending. Senate Bill 15 which was introduced in December is intended to fix the ever-growing issue of distracted driving in Missouri.

According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, an average of nine people die every day as a result of distracted driving. This is preventable if people did not use their phones while driving.

There is a large population of students and adults who drive who are in danger every time they get behind the wheel. While it tends to be associated primarily with teenagers and young adults, it is also an issue that adults are dealing with.

According to the Teen Safe Organization, 77 percent of adults and 55 percent of teens believe they can manage to text while driving.

The law states that as long as a driver is over the age of 21, they can legally operate a mobile device while also operating a motor vehicle. While lawmakers in Missouri want to change this law, and make it illegal to operate a mobile device while operating a motor vehicle, it is, unfortunately, coming a little too late to help those who were victims of distracted driving-

related accidents.

Missouri is one of three states that do not have a ban on texting while driving. This puts the state behind the ball in protecting the people on the road. Missouri is guaranteeing an increase in risk whenever getting behind the wheel if Senate Bill 15 is not passed.

In 2016, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration conducted a survey that revealed one out of five teens believe texting while driving affects their personal driving performance.

The Department of Motor Vehicles attributes texting while driving as a myriad of distractions for drivers as it encompasses visual, manual and cognitive distractions to the driver, causing their focus to shift from the road to their phone.

The Teen Safe Organization recommends placing the phone on silent while driving as a way to reduce the likelihood of feeling the need to check one’s phone while driving.

Missouri is making progress, but it needs to enforce laws similar to others in the nation. States like Nebraska and Iowa have banned the use of handheld wireless devices while operating a motor vehicle, but those are classified as secondary enforcement laws, which means a driver must be pulled over for another violation before facing the penalties of texting while driving.

Texting while driving is not safe and it could result in having to say goodbye to someone way too soon. Use common sense and put the phone down while driving.



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# Breed-specific legislation is not solution



Maggie is one of the sweetest dogs I’ve ever met. She wiggles her hips like a diva when she walks and wants constant attention. Yet Maggie, and many other dogs like her, are discriminated against because of one thing: She is a pit bull.

Breed-Specific Legislation, or BSL, is a set of laws adopted to act as a sort of cure-all for dog attacks. BSL affects many dog breeds: Rottweilers, bulldogs and German shep-

herds. More often than not though, pit bulls find themselves the most targeted with their ownership either heavily regulated or banned altogether.

This is due to old myths that still circulate, such as the rumor that pits have specialized locking jaws, or that they are naturally more aggressive due to their history. But these myths are just that—myths.

Unfortunately, as people know all too well, humans have a bad habit of hanging on to stereotypes. Thus, pit bulls find themselves victimized by BSL.

The main goal of BSL is to lessen or stop altogether, the frequency of dog bite cases. Instead of enacting laws to handle dogs on a case-

by-case basis BSL tries to find a blanket solution by regulating and banning entire breeds.

This type of “solution” does not work. According to a position statement from the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior, “any dog may bite, regardless of the dog’s size or sex, or reported breed or a mix of breeds.”

Bites from larger dogs, like pits, are seen as more of a threat because they can do more damage thanks to their size. But smaller dogs have just as much tendency to bite and can even do a large amount of damage, especially if people consider that children are most likely to be bitten.

It is becoming common knowl-

edge BSL policies, even if enacted for the good of the people, do not work.

The Netherlands repealed their pit bull ban in 2009 after it found it had little to no effect on the number of dog bites reported. It only took six years after Italy enacted its breed-specific policies for the Italian government to come to the same conclusion and repeal it.

Like humans, each dog is different, no matter its breed. Fido may lunge if someone so much as looks at him the wrong way, while his brother, Spot, would rather spend all day curled up in someone’s lap. Each dog must be treated on a case-by-case basis.

The best way to avoid dog at-

tacks is to be a responsible dog owner. Train them well and work with them throughout their life, not just when they’re puppies. Always make sure to socialize them so they’re used to other dogs and animals.

Don’t forget to train family members too. Teach children from a young age that Lassie has boundaries just like they do, to treat her with respect and supervise puppy/baby playtime.

If we quit demonizing these wonderful dogs and take on the responsibility to fix the problem in an effective way, maybe someday soon BSL will be a thing of the past.

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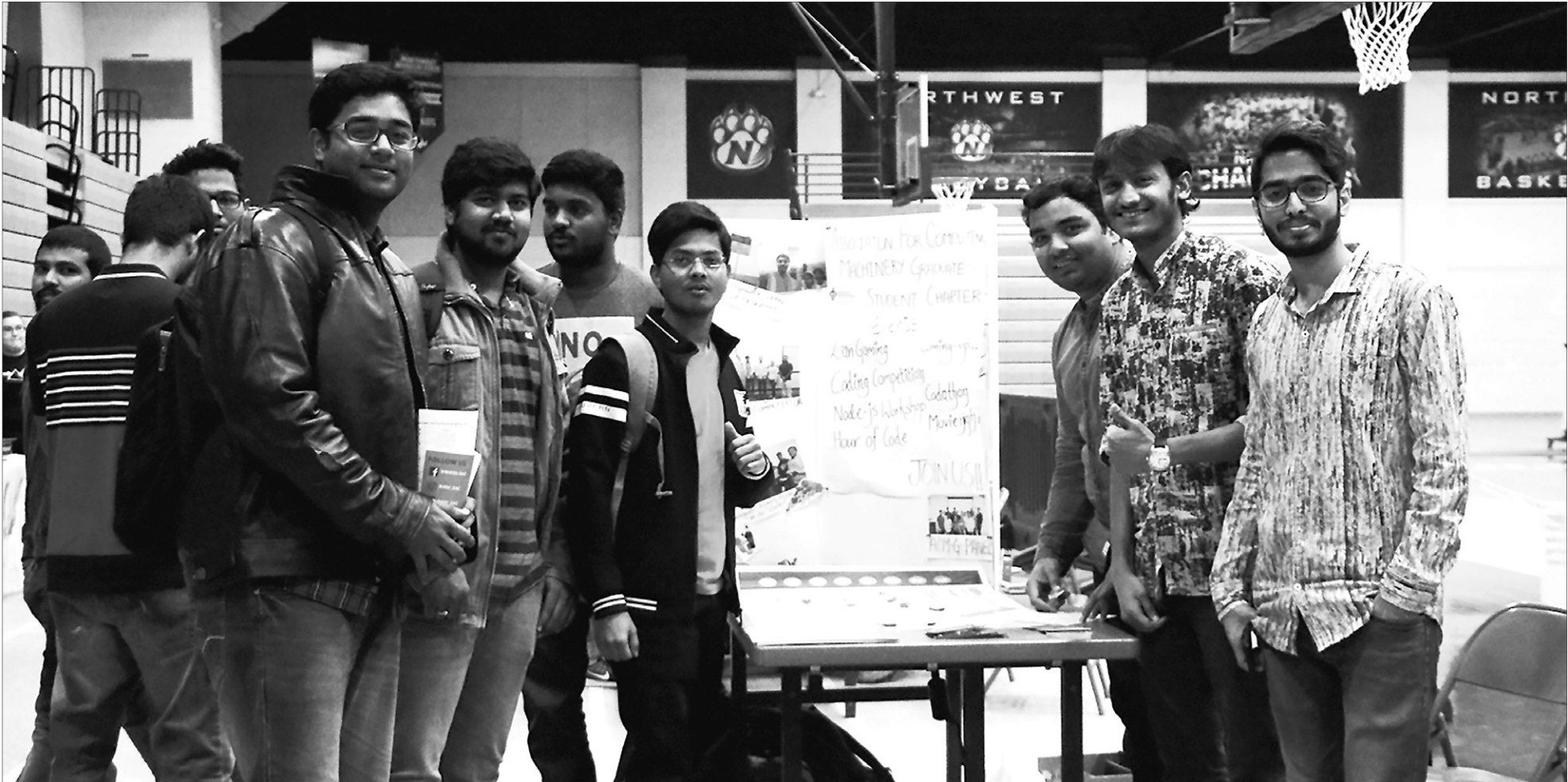
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Northwest students have the opportunity every year to attend the Organization Fair and find new clubs and organizations they are interested in being a part of.

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“I advise the Bearcat Golf Club, and it includes people who just want to go to Mazingo for fun, but also those who go to competitions throughout the Midwest,” Hoffmann said. “They do not have separate organizations for each. Instead, they work together to support each other.”

Hoffmann said working together in this way provides valuable professional skills since many companies and large organizations have multiple divisions that work together toward a mutual goal but in different ways.

As well as having a deficit of trained advisers, the student population cannot support a number of organizations beyond a certain point. Hoffmann said he is unsure what this tipping point would be, but organizations are already struggling.

“We regularly have organizations contacting us saying their

membership is falling, and they don’t know how to recruit new members,” Hoffmann said. “The number of organizations on campus is likely one of the reasons for that.”

Niemeier said the Organizational Affairs Committee has focused on the appropriations side of its duties with the goal to connect with more existing organizations through the Organizations Fair.

The committee created this goal during the fall 2017 semester when Niemeier joined the committee.

“We go up to each table and introduce ourselves and let them know how they can come to Senate to get appropriations,” Niemeier said. “We made business cards as well that included our names, office hours and instructions on how to get to the appropriation form. We also asked if they would give us their meeting times during the week.”

Organizational Affairs also worked with the Student Affairs Committee to meet with organizations and walk them through the appropriation application process.

Organizational Affairs appropriated a total of \$10,275 to nine student organizations last semester of its \$20,000 initial annual budget.

“Many organizations want to hold events on campus or go to a conference that will better their organizations and also Northwest,” Niemeier said. “Unfortunately, some organizations do not have the funds to fully do what they want. This means they can’t send as many people to the conference or have to cut some stuff from their event.”

An appropriation allows an organization to create or attend an event that would normally be outside of the organization’s budget and traditional fundraising ability.

Two appropriations last semester were amended to higher amounts from the suggestion made by organizational affairs. Niemeier said this is not an issue from the perspective of the committee since the opinion of the full Student Senate is the most important, but not all senators were in favor of giving more.

International Representa-

tive Samantha Mageto spoke out against all appropriation amendments on the grounds that organizations should show more effort in fundraising on their own before coming to Student Senate for an appropriation.

“They had not put much effort into getting the \$1,350,” Mageto said about an appropriation to Anime Club that was amended from \$750 to \$1,350 last semester. “The previous years that I was in Student Senate, we had been advocating that students fundraise and then the amount of money they earned, we can match up to that.”

Mageto said she was concerned about setting a precedent where organizations would be granted an appropriation without making any efforts towards fundraising.

If the trends of amending appropriations to higher amounts, seeking more appropriations from organizations and recognizing more student organizations continue, the \$20,000 committee budget cannot last an academic year.

However, during the week of

Oct. 2 to Oct. 9, 2018, \$13,500 was added to the organizational affairs committee budget, which was not announced during a full meeting.

Student Senate Treasurer Colton Downing said this money came from the “rollover budget,” which was unused money from the 2017-18 school year. The rollover budget was intended to be used for improvements throughout campus like replacing ropes and pole caps in the International Flag Plaza.

Potentially lacking funds, students and advisers, the University cannot sustain the number of student organizations if it continues to grow.

“From my view, I would rather have 100 well-organized, highly functioning organizations where every member is gaining valuable experience and skills than have 250 organizations where only a few are well-organized and high functioning while the rest are struggling to be effective,” Hoffmann said.

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This information was both surprising and displeasing to many

students on campus. Many expressed concern for the lack of coverage the law gave. Junior Alex Young was among the group of surprised students.

“I guess I kind of thought it was illegal,” Young said. “It’s still

a danger for everyone, even if it’s older people on their phones.”

Senior Lyzzie Wary disapproved of texting and driving, no matter the age of the perpetrator.

“I don’t think it’s safe for anyone to text and drive,” Wary said.

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Blotters for the week of Jan. 31

Maryville Public Safety

**Jan. 17**  
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 200 block of North Main Street.

**Jan. 19**  
A summons was issued to **Cassi Crayton**, 34, for not having a valid driver’s license at the 100 block of West Cooper Street.

**Jan. 20**  
A summons was issued to **Colby Sorensen**, 20, for minor in possession at the 400 block of South Main Street.

**Jan. 25**  
A summons was issued to **Joe Richardson**, 70, for code violation at the 200 block of East First Street.

A summons was issued to **Karrington Ingram Jr.**, 18, for larceny at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

A summons was issued to **Esence Pearson**, 18, for larceny at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

**Jan. 26**  
A summons was issued to **Tasha Lowrance**, 34, for failure to obtain a city dog license and failure to obtain a rabies vaccination at the 400 block of South Buchanan Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 1500 block of East Edwards.

**Northwest Missouri State University Police Department**

**Jan. 22**  
A summons was issued to **Dylan Lock**, 19, for unlawful possession of a weapon at Lot 59.

**Jan. 23**  
A summons was issued to

**James Willams**, 23, for trespassing in the first degree at South Complex.

**Jan. 24**  
There is a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at South Complex.

**Jan. 25**  
A summons was issued to **Melandy Myer**, 22, for trespassing at the Foster Fitness Center.

**Jan. 26**  
A summons was issued to **Madison Fentiman**, 19, for possession of marijuana at Lot 9.

A summons was issued to **Taryn Cummings**, 19, for possession of marijuana at Lot 61.

**Jan. 29**  
There is a closed investigation for seven liquor law violations at Hudson Hall.



SUDOKU

By MetroCreative

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HOROSCOPE

By MetroCreative



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if you’ve been looking for a new career, you may be pleasantly surprised with the news coming your way. Opportunity knocks, but you must be paying attention.  
**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Extra spending on essentials may have you reevaluating your budget this week, Libra. You might need to cut corners to make everything work, or find new income.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, it seems the bumpy stretch in your life has been long, but you’re finally able to see that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Keep your head high.

SAGITTARIUS–Nov 23/Dec 21

A relationship may be blossoming and you won’t be sure which direction it will go for a little longer. If you trust your instincts on this and be yourself, things will work out.

CAPRICORN–Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you will prove your mettle and show everyone just how tough you can be with a surprising announcement this week. Be prepared for some applause.

AQUARIUS–Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, even though many things are changing in your life right now, you’ll probably find that you welcome change wholeheartedly. It’s time to shake things up.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Moving in a new direction can mean many things to you, Pisces. A change of address, a vacation, a new career, or even a new style fit the bill.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, save up your energy because you might need it for a difficult project on the horizon. This could mean you have to keep socializing to a minimum.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you have been on a stable path, and this is a good thing. Wasting time floundering will get you nowhere fast. Keep up the good work and momentum.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

A rough patch or string of bad luck will soon pass, Gemini. Focus on the positives in your life and give them all of your energy for the time being. Gray skies will clear up.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, a great opportunity is coming your way and you are eager to dive right in. Write down the pluses and minuses of this endeavor before getting too deep.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, ensure that your voice is heard on a particular matter; otherwise, you may regret not speaking up. Wait until others are quiet to get your point across.

Last Week’s Solutions

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CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Class
- 6. Husband or wife
- 12. All the same
- 16. Exclamation of surprise
- 17. Lived in
- 18. Hawaiian entertainer
- 19. Of I
- 20. Belonging to me
- 21. One thousandth of an inch
- 22. Midway between south and east
- 23. Article
- 24. Pitchers have them
- 26. Steps
- 28. Mars crater
- 30. \_\_\_ route: on the way
- 31. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 32. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 34. These three follow A
- 35. Frail
- 37. Platforms
- 39. Level
- 40. Computers
- 41. Where spiders live
- 43. An enemy to Batman
- 44. Mineral
- 45. Body part
- 47. Give
- 48. Atomic #21 (abbr.)
- 50. European tax
- 52. Bleated
- 54. Capital of Norway
- 56. Pa’s partner
- 57. Stephen King’s clown tale
- 59. Atomic #50
- 60. Military policeman
- 61. One quintillion bytes
- 62. Where impulses manifest
- 63. Offers as a candidate
- 66. Spielberg film
- 67. Great job!
- 70. Live in
- 71. Cares for

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Form a whole
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Moves in water
- 4. Diminutive
- 5. Old English letter
- 6. “Save the Last Dance” actress
- 7. Dab

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- 8. Digits
- 9. Female cattle’s mammary gland
- 10. Yes
- 11. Improves
- 12. We all have one
- 13. Book of Esther antagonist
- 14. Invests in little enterprises
- 15. Organs that produce gametes
- 25. Mediterranean city
- 26. Peter’s last name
- 27. Unhappy
- 29. Swollen area within tissue
- 31. “No \_\_\_”
- 33. Soap
- 36. Chop or cut
- 38. “Atonement” author McEwan
- 39. Bullfighter

- 41. Of the universe
- 42. Founder of Babism
- 43. Not good
- 46. Large, flightless bird
- 47. Punitive
- 49. Makes less messy
- 51. Belts out a tune
- 53. Aboriginal people of Japan
- 54. An eye protein
- 55. Broad sashes
- 58. Actress Spelling
- 60. Distribute
- 64. Unpleased
- 65. Body art
- 68. Midway between north and east
- 69. Overdose





Junior Asma Hassan demonstrates how to put on a hijab.

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Many Muslim women in America feel like they face discrimination because they wear a hijab.

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There are about 50 Muslim majority countries in the world.

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Despite misconceptions, those who wear a hijab choose to and are not forced.

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# World Hijab Day aims for tolerance

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Many religions require practitioners to wear head coverings, such as Catholicism, Judaism, Sikh and the Amish. However, none have been as controversial as the Islamic hijab.

World Hijab Day started in 2013 and was celebrated Feb. 1. The event takes place in more than 140 countries and was started by Nazma Khan.

World Hijab Day encourages women who do not wear hijabs to try wearing one for a day in support of those who do.

The event started as a way to help people understand why Muslim women may choose, or not choose, to wear the hijab or other forms of modesty scarves through online hashtags like #FreeInHijab.

In an interview with Anadolu Agency in Turkey, Kahn said the World Hijab Day is needed.

“#FreeInHijab is the much-needed hashtag for our current global situation where women in hijab are labeled by media as oppressed and symbolically imprisoned,” Khan told the newspaper.

While Northwest does not officially recognize World Hijab Day, many schools around the country participate in an attempt to create dialogue they might not otherwise have.

Psychology and human services junior Asma Hassan said World Hijab Day is a great way to explain more about her religion.

“It’s a celebration of wearing the hijab,” Hassan said. “It’s about celebrating the culture of being Muslim and the religious beliefs behind it.”

The movement was also an attempt to dispel rumors and false information about wearing the hijab, such as the belief that it is anti-feminist to wear a hijab.

“I think it’s right aligning with feminist ideals,” Hassan said. “Essentially, wearing a hijab is not for anybody besides yourself. It’s your own personal values. It’s your own relationship. So, I think it strongly aligns with feminism. I think it gives women the power to choose what they want to do.”

According to surveys done by worldhijabday.com on its Facebook page, roughly 63 percent of American respondents said they feel like they face discrimination for wearing a hijab.

“To be a Muslim in college, you obviously stand out,” Hassan said. “I wish people knew that this religion is empowering and patient. A lot of the things you see in the news deal with wars and terrorists, and that’s not my religion. I really wish people looked into the religion and saw we are patient and kind.”

Choosing to wear the hijab is rooted in being modest.

Modesty is strongly emphasized in Islam, with some translations of the Quran saying “modesty is part of faith.” As with other things in life, how modest a Muslim woman wishes to be is up to her and thus gives a variety of options to those who choose to wear the modesty scarf.

“My mom always said to me ... ‘If you have a precious diamond in our hand, do you cover it with your hand or do you show it to the world?’” Hassan said. “That was the underlying reason for her. She sees a prize within herself.”

Traditionally the word hijab means the act of being modest, and not the actual headscarf itself. However, the name works for both. The hijab is most often depicted as a scarf covering the head and neck, leaving the face uncovered.

Other head coverings include the niqab, which is a headscarf accompanied by a secondary scarf to cover the face, leaving only the eye area exposed. Another common scarf is the burka. The burka is the most concealing of veils in Islam. It is a full body covering, with a mesh covering for the wearer to see through.

These are not the only headscarves Muslim women wear but are the three most popular worldwide. Certain regions have different styles, including the Chador in Iran and the Shayla in the Gulf region.

“One thing we don’t speak about in the religion that people don’t really know is men are also encouraged to cover themselves, in a way,” Hassan said. “They are expected to cover themselves as women are. It’s just not seen because it’s not a hijab.”

However, while many Muslim women wear hijabs, there are also many who choose to not wear a head covering at all.

“My personal decision for not wanting to wear it [the hijab] yet is purely because I want to be patient with my time with God,” Hassan said. “I want to make sure I’m fully there. Then I’ll begin to wear it when I get to that point in time.”

Hassan sees the process of choosing to wear the hijab as a transformation.

“I watched my sister go through the transformation,” Hassan said. “I saw her reading more and getting more in tune with God. She obviously chose to do that and so did my mother.”

Hassan described her decision to not wear a hijab as not wanting to take away the value of what it means to her.

While the conversation about the hijab continues on, the choice to wear is up to each woman.

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-Asma Hassan, student





ANGEL TRINH | NW MISSOURIAN  
(Left) Coach George Peng and students Megan Swafford and Caitlyn Huang from the Chinese School of Greater Kansas City demonstrate Chinese yo-yo during the Chinese New Year Festival Jan. 27 at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

# Year of the Pig

## Lunar New Year celebrated in Kansas City

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.-- Hundreds of people gathered to celebrate Chinese culture with food, crafts and performances Jan. 27 in The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

The annual Chinese New Year Festival included over 200 performers showing traditional attire, dances, music and art demonstrations on all floors of the museum. Kansas City Mayor Sly James spoke during the welcome ceremony, saying the event grows larger each year.

“This is the largest it’s ever been,” James said. “It’s a place to celebrate our differences while celebrating art and rich culture.”

This Chinese New Year, also called Lunar New Year, falls Feb. 5. Activities that lasted the whole day in various rooms were paper crafts, temporary tattoos, Chinese games and learning how to say, “Happy New Year” in Chinese.

So many people were present at the event that the auditorium ran out of seats for every performance. Anyone who couldn’t get a seat could watch the performances on TVs in the activity rooms.

Students from the Chinese School of Greater Kansas City demonstrated Chinese yo-yo for 15 minutes four times during the event. They perform at the festival every year and start practicing as soon as the school year begins.

Coach George Peng also performed with his students. His favorite part about coaching yo-yo is teaching his students perseverance. He enjoys being part of the celebration at Nelson-Atkins.

“It’s kind of rare to find something like Chinese yo-yo, especially in the Midwest,” Peng said. “It’s really fun for me to demonstrate and perform for an audience who doesn’t know about it.”

A Lunar New Year staple is having lion dance performances. Two lion dance teams, Drum Roller from Lenexa, Kansas, and the Rockhurst High School lion dance team worked together to perform at the festival. They alternated shows throughout the day.

Drum Roller coach Wai Cheng grew up with lion dancers in his family. His favorite part about performing is seeing the hours of hard work pay off with each performance.

Rockhurst senior Sebastien Barrett has been coaching the lion dance team for four years. He participated in lion dance for three or four years before reintroducing it to Rockhurst when he was a freshman. He teaches almost every aspect of the lion dance.

“(I enjoy) the idea of passing along the culture of my family because my (mom’s side of my) family is from Malaysia,” Barrett said. “Malaysia is the world champion at lion dance, and I just kind of like bringing that aspect into my life.”

The Rockhurst team has performed at the festival for the last four years, alongside Drum Roller.

Barrett enjoys performing at the museum and recommends the event.

“You don’t see this stuff every day,” Barrett said. “This is arguably one of the highest profile performances you can go to, just because of how much exposure it has and the location it’s in.”

“It’s just a really, really public setting, which really lends itself to a lot of people coming together to enjoy a cultural awakening.”

Yo-yo coach Peng also encourages people to attend future festivals.

“I think just being involved with other cultures and all the festivities makes you a more worldly person,” Peng said. “Even if you don’t have a background in Asian culture, it’s still nice to experience some of his stuff and see what other parts of the world have to offer.”



ANGEL TRINH | NW MISSOURIAN  
Drum Roller performer, Nicolas Li, lifts the lion’s head during his performance at the Chinese New Year Festival.

Volunteer Cecilia L. Diego enjoys the culture of the festival. She has volunteered for the last two years and has helped with all the other festivals the museum hosts.

“The best part for me is just seeing people come in and see them in awe,” Diego said. “It’s free for everybody. It’s amazing. It supports the museum by coming.”

### THE STROLLER:

## Your Bearcat begs Maryville to fix these potholes

Ice, snow and general wear and tear have become synonymous with winter and has caused potholes to form throughout campus and in town.

Since the beginning of the spring semester, there have been at least 10 to 15 new potholes I have discovered the hard way. I have a small car, so hitting giant potholes every quarter mile does serious damage to my vehicle and other vehicles like it.

Campus is by the far the worst in terms of potholes for my vehicle, especially outside of Wells Hall and Valk Center where there is traffic throughout the day.

It needs to be fixed, but nothing is being done about it. At this rate, people are going to need new tires after going through all of the pot-

holes. The issue is not confined to campus either. The potholes are to the point where even swerving to avoid them is not enough to spare a tire from hitting it.

I know it is difficult to make repairs during the winter, but potholes make the roads almost as bad as major cities. Whenever I drive through one I am terrified that it will be the final nail in killing one of my tires. As college students, most of us cannot afford to get a new tire in the middle of the semester.

It is one of the many downsides of Maryville winter because people need to drive places and the risk of popping a tire made me want to stay on campus. Someone fix the potholes so I can stop hitting my head on the ceiling of my car every time I hit one.

## Students bring history to life

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Through the hard work and curiosity of students and professor, a new way to understand Northwest history is coming through a smartphone camera lens.

Northwest Stories is a digital humanities project created by the fall semester Digital Humanities class. The class was taught by assistant professor Robert Voss and continued through the efforts of six interns. Their goal is for the project to be public Feb. 1.

The project aims to teach people about the history behind Northwest’s prominent sites such as the Bell Tower, various museums within buildings and structures, like the Administration Building, through a digital lens.

It will include research conducted by students and Northwest Alumni who want to share their stories. These stories can be submitted through the website northweststories.dhnorthwest.org.

Voss said he has high hopes for this ongoing project, which is funded by grants and the Northwest History Department.

“If you set your sights low, you’re going to reach them,” Voss said. “But if you set your sights high, that’s the potential.”

Senior history major Tim Ogg wasn’t originally planning on taking Digital Humanities, but now he has not only completed the course, he has also continued working on it as one of the six interns.

“As Northwest Stories evolved, it became more and more our project,” Ogg said. “We had taken an idea, and in six weeks, transformed it into something we could share with the public. Another thing is that this has been an incredible opportunity. Most universities don’t let undergraduates do this kind of work.”

To bring the archives to an interactive digital level, there will be QR codes spread throughout campus. Each one will be unique to the landmark or building it is on.

In order to read the QR codes, all people need are their smartphone cameras or Snapchat and their curiosity. The codes will be placed on campus throughout the semester.

While creating a presence on campus is key to the success of Northwest Stories, another aspect

of the project is the amount of research that is going into it.

Senior history major Erin Cejka estimated she worked about 60 to 80 hours on the project in total last semester, gathering archived pictures and basic information on the buildings with the help of the University archivist Jessica Vest.

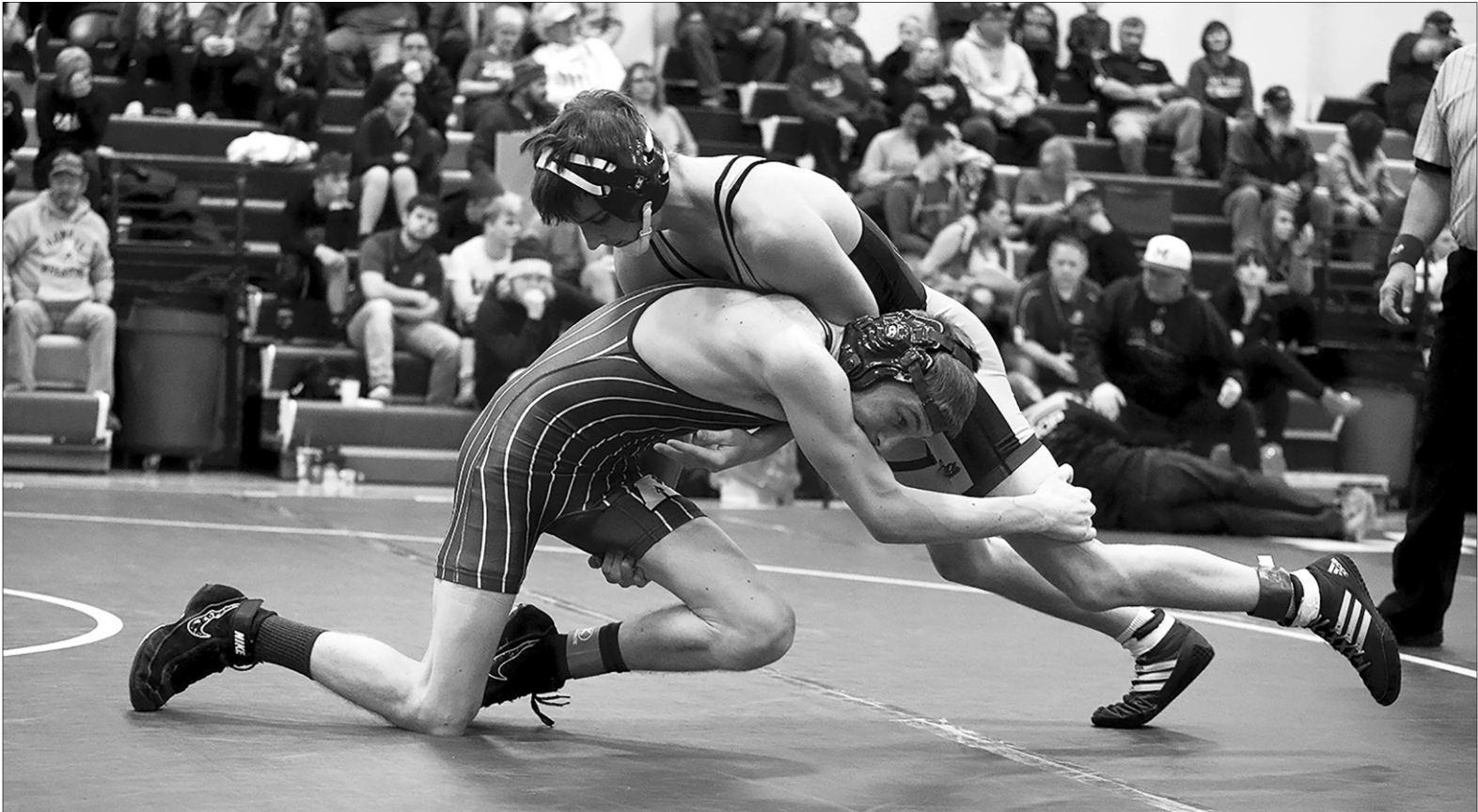
At the beginning of the project, the Digital Humanities class used the database program Omeka S as the platform for Northwest Stories.

“The hardest part about this project was definitely learning how the programs worked,” Cejka said. “I have a pretty minimal understanding on how to do something like that, so when we encountered any bugs, I was always lost on how to fix it.”

Cejka enjoyed her time working on the project so much that even though she is now one of the interns working on Northwest Stories, she told Voss she would be interested in helping out more on Northwest Stories.

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AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Treyton Paris (bottom) goes for a takedown in the first round of the Quad State Classic Jan. 26 at Maryville High School.

# Wrestlers eye state run

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With the end of the regular season approaching for Maryville wrestling, the team has all of their attention pointed at the upcoming district tournament.

With the season winding down, there is a reason for excitement among the Spoofhounds. Coach Kody Koster believes things will be different for the ‘Hounds this time around.

“The expectations we have as a team are to send around five or six athletes to state,” Koster said. “If we are able to get more, then we will exceed the expectations we set for ourselves as a team.”

In just his second year under the helm of Maryville wrestling, Koster strives for constant improvement from himself and his athletes.

It is easy to see the passion Koster can bring to the sport and



the atmosphere around him.

With a somewhat unsuccessful first season under Koster, the program appears to have rebounded from the less than ideal finish last season. Koster emphasized the importance of improving with each repetition.

“Every time you step on the mat, whether that is in practice, a duel, or even state, you need to find a way to better yourself out there,” Koster said. “Wrestling is a sport where you need to constantly evolve your game for all the different looks that can be thrown at you on the mat.”

Koster explained why constant growth is the best way to expand a wrestler’s moves and techniques.

“Wrestling is unique because the looks you get on the mat can be different every time,” Koster said. “So the more you have wrestled, the easier it will be to adapt on the fly in a match. One thing that we preach to our athletes is to find a way to make yourself better every day.”

With Koster gaining more ex-

perience, the feeling around the program appears optimistic toward the future.

The program has seen many changes over recent years. Koster looks to change the perception of the team by bringing consistency to the group.

One thing that has not plagued the team this year is leaving any weight classes open going into tournaments or matches, which is something the team struggled with in Koster’s first year.

Sophomore Connor Weiss has had his eyes set on districts all season. Weiss was a state qualifier as a freshman last season.

“I’ve been waiting for districts to get another shot at state,” Weiss said. “Ultimately, I would like to get to state and place sixth or higher.”

Weiss hopes to return to state as he did last year, but this time around there is hope that more will follow suit and qualify for state. As the only returning state qualifi-

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Maysville High School

er for Maryville, Weiss has taken on a new leadership role this year. Weiss wants to change the way the program is perceived.

The future of the Spoofhounds’ wrestling program could very well be appearing now. Koster realizes that prophicizing performance will not mean anything if the team cannot reach its goals as a team.

The girls will compete in the MSHSAA Class 1 District 4 Tournament Feb. 1 at Smithville High School. The boys will travel to the MSHSAA Class 2 District 4 Tournament Feb. 8 and 9 at Excelsior Springs High School.

# ‘Cats fare well at Pittsburg, look ahead

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Northwest indoor track and field once again found relative success on the road Jan. 26, faring well at the Pittsburg State Invitational.

The Bearcats entered the meet, which featured teams from every collegiate level, hopeful. They walked away with three school records.

Freshman Omar Austin set a Northwest record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.14. Austin also anchored the Northwest men’s 4-x-400 team that shattered the previous program record by more than two seconds, finishing with a time of 3:13.28.

The relay squad, which includes Austin, junior Marcus Klein, sophomore Caelon Harkey and senior Kevin Schultz, was a bright spot for the Bearcats over the weekend.

“The 4-x-400 was awesome,” coach Brandon Masters said. “We changed the order up a little bit. Marcus (Klein) led it, and he’s very aggressive, so I thought that’d put us in a better position.”

After traditionally leading the relay off with Harkey, Masters opted to move Klein to the leadoff position, sliding Harkey into the No. 2 role. Slotting Schultz third and leaving Austin to anchor, the minor lineup change provided an increased spark for the relay, pushing it to the Northwest record.

“Omar: he just closes,” Masters said. “No matter if it’s around people or not, he is going to fight. That kid is just a ball of fury around the track. It’s exciting to give him the baton. If we have a lead, or even close, Omar is going to bring it home. It’s pretty fun to watch him compete.”

On the women’s side, junior Jordan Hammond turned in a noteworthy performance taking second place in the women’s 400-meter dash with a time of 55.76. The time was provisionally qualifying for nationals, but Masters suspects Hammond is on the verge of something more.

“Jordan is going to have a



JUSTIN QUICK | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Caelon Harkey was the second leg in Northwest’s 4-x-400 team that captured a program record time at the Pittsburg State Invitational Jan. 26.

big breakthrough,” Masters said. “That’s a fast time for her ... (it’s) just off her lifetime personal record and Northwest record that she owns, but she’s not finishing races quite right. When she gets it right, it’s going to be spectacular.”

After the trip to Kansas, the Bearcats are in the midst of what Masters called a “work week.” Most athletes will spend the week in a lightened form of training mode. Masters plans on taking a small group of runners to the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Nebraska, Feb. 2 while coach Nick Gibson will travel to Notre

Dame with a few distance runners.

“(We’ll) go up there (to Lincoln) with a couple of kids,” Masters said. “We don’t even know who all is in yet. Somewhere around 10 (athletes) probably.”

Northwest will send two distance runners, junior Karim Achengli and senior Brandon Phipps, to Indiana to compete at the Meyo Invitational at Notre Dame. Achengli set a Northwest record in the 3,000-meter race with a time of 8:25.09 at Pittsburg State last weekend.

“We expect them to perform at a really high level this weekend,” Mas-

ters said. “They worked really hard last week, too. Having Karim break the school record was great, but he’s going to run faster this weekend.”

Achengli, a transfer from Iowa Central Community College and a native of Adra, Spain, has quickly etched his name into Northwest’s record books after transferring last year. Gibson, who coaches the distance runners, said Achengli’s accomplishments at Northwest so far are just the beginning.

“Karim: he’s just a workhorse,” Gibson said. “You tell him what to do, and he’s just going to go out, and he’s going to grind away. He’s one of

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While countless programs boast the same ideology, few implement it with as much success as Northwest. Said success is in-part what brings players like Hawkins to Maryville, and the implemented culture is what makes them.

Hawkins, who’s already attempted 197 three-pointers this season and has converted on nearly half of them (44.2 percent), said he never really took treys in high school. He prided himself on rebounds and steals. McCollum saw him differently.

“Hawk could always shoot,” McCollum said. “I think, though, the weapons and the threat that he had in high school, when he’s 6’7-6’8 with such a big wingspan, inside (the paint) that’s much better. We like length that can shoot.”

At 6 feet, 7 inches tall, Hawkins is long. And his shooting is now well established. On the surface, Hawkins and Northwest are a match made in heaven, though they were nearly not a match made at all.

Hawkins was committed to Wayne State but changed his mind after the program went through a coaching change. Within a few days, he was in contact with McCollum and visited Northwest’s campus.

After visiting the campus, Hawkins called McCollum before he even got back to his Iowa home, telling the coach he would sign.

“I like winning,” Hawkins said. “They win a lot here; pretty good combination.”

It was proved to be a pretty good combination thus far, with Hawkins averaging 16.2 points and 9.3 rebounds per game for Northwest this season, his first as a starter.

In some ways, Hawkins break-out season has been an embodiment of the entire team’s performance.

“That’s a lot,” McCollum said of Hawkins’ stats. “Those are results though. I saw him being able to perform at a high level. But, those numbers are just, I guess, the result of the work he’s put in and the effort he gives throughout games.”

Externally, he was expected to be good, as were the Bearcats. But not many predicted his season, or the team’s, would yield such dynamic play.

UP NEXT

Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational  
Feb. 1-2  
Lincoln, Neb.

those athletes that you love to have. Karim knows his goals and knows that eventually, he wants to try to see if he can represent Spain in the Olympics. That’s a goal of his that we’ll continue to work towards.”







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# 'Hounds set for MEC gauntlet with title on line

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Maryville boys basketball is inching its way toward a top seed in district play, but before that, it must ride this week's gauntlet to determine its fate for the tournament.

The Spoofhounds head into one of the hardest weeks they have faced this season, with a conference foe and a battle for the No. 1 district seed. This week will determine the weight of their preseason goals.

As the Class 3 District 6 standings sit, there are three teams bidding for the top spot heading into the district tournament at St. Pius X. Maryville, Central Academy and St. Pius X, who hosts the tournament, all stand neck-and-neck heading to the final tier of the season.

Of the two competitors, Maryville will face off against St. Pius Friday. As for Central Academy, it will watch from the perimeter after suffering a loss to St. Pius earlier in the year.

"The St. Pius game is super important because it determines what seed we get," coach Matt Stoecklein said. "It's so much easier to play as a higher seed, and we would like to have that No. 1 seed, but to get that we have to beat St. Pius."

As if the pressure was not already enough, an added conference rivalry pushed the importance of the week to DEFCON five.

Though LeBlond is not having the most successful year as a basketball program, Maryville knows they can not take a conference game for granted.

Maryville made quick work of LeBlond as they showed no mercy in a 52-33 victory.



"We are going to take it one game at a time," senior Eli Dowis said. "We aren't going to look past LeBlond, because they are a conference opponent that has the capability to beat us if we don't take them seriously."

The goal for the Spoofhounds is simple and has been since day one: play 30 games and win 30 games.

There is no secret message; their claim to win a state championship is the hopes of every player that steps on the court in a Maryville uniform. Now with a chance to step up in a big way, they need to focus on the here and now before focusing on any sort of end result.

No truer test showcased what can happen if the Spoofhounds stay focused than the success they showcased from the Cameron Tournament. For the second year, Maryville was able to claim the Cameron crown after a pummeling victory against Chillicothe in the championship game 64-35.

"We found that if all our boys can play on the same page and work hard for the entire game, we can really beat a good team," Stoecklein said. "Our championship game against Chillicothe, the boys really put together an entire game."

After this week, the Spoofhounds will enter their final stretch with only three games left on the schedule before districts at St. Pius. The final three games will all be conference games with Cameron, Benton and Savannah.

On the surface, it seems like a coast to the district tournament, but with a recent history of letdowns, Maryville wants to take no chances. For this year to be different compared to years past, focus and taking one game at a time is a crucial



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior Tate Oglesby goes up for the uncontested layup in Maryville's 57-32 win over Savannah.

part to a change of history.

"I think after winning those last two games last week, going into this week it's going to be a little bit of a heat check for us," Dowis said. "If we keep playing at the level that we've been playing at, that would be good. It would help the way we are looking into the final part of the season."

## UP NEXT

Maryville vs St. Pius X  
7 p.m. Feb. 1  
Maryville

# Maryville driven by hopeful hashtag, slogan

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While the 2017 and 2018 seasons brought disappointing endings, the Maryville boys basketball team has set its eyes on a new goal. The Spoofhounds have started out their '18-'19 season with a 15-2 record and a new objective for the season all thanks to a new phrase.

Although it's simple, #30 (hashtag 30) is a big driving factor for the team. The saying represents the 30 games the Spoofhounds need to play in to become state champions. This whole idea arose from the team's tough postseason losses the last two years.

"It's just motivation," junior guard Matthew Madden said. "The past couple of years we've been knocked out and we want to get back to the final four."

With a loss to Hogan Preparatory Academy in the second round of the MSHSAA Class 3 State Championship playoffs during last year's postseason, #30 is a constant reminder of where the team sees itself at the end of this season.

"It is a driving factor," coach Matt Stoecklein said. "If we're not having a good practice, everyone says, 'Hey, that's not a #30 moment. That's not a 'get to the final four moment.'"

The team has shown its determination as it has won both the Cameron tournament and the Savannah Invitational championship within the last month. Along the way, the team has also battled against many conference opponents coming out on top with a record of 3-1.

The varsity squad is also ranked 28th across the state of Missouri, according to Maxpreps.com. With their ranking and record thus far, the slogan has become an effective aspect of the team's performance.

Though #30 is this year's mantra, the starting players say that the underclassmen are adapting to this idea of bettering the school's basketball program.

Certain underclassmen, such as junior guard Tate Oglesby, junior guard Jaden Hayes, sophomore forward Marc Gustafson and sophomore guard Ben Walker, have been highly revered as great players that will take over the program throughout the next few years.

"Tate Oglesby is one of the leaders on our team now," Madden said. "I feel like the younger kids definitely have potential. Ben Walker is a sophomore, and he has athleticism, and he'll be able to use that once he hones in on his skills a little more."

While on a five-game win streak, the whole team uses this drive and quote to not only get themselves prepared for the next game but to rally around their teammates and remind them of the end goal.

"Even when we're playing in a game, it's 'How are we going to get to the final four? How are we going to play 30 games this season?'" coach Matt Stoecklein said.

The quote #30 is one that is repeated and supported by this year's well-rounded senior class. With leading seniors like Eli Dowis, Tyler Houchin and Creid Stoecklein, the Spoofhounds have been able to rack up an impressive list of wins so far this season.

The 2019 senior class came into this season with #30 being the one driving factor they needed to motivate themselves and be the leaders the team needs. With many of the team's seniors starting their varsity playing time earlier in their high school career, the feeling of a close loss in the postseason is too familiar.

"We help motivate our players better," Creid Stoecklein said. "Last year, it was more the juniors and one sophomore we had; this year we feel like we push everyone to be better."

Maryville continues its 2018-2019 season at St. Pius X at 7 p.m. Feb. 1.





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# 'I like winning'

## Sophomore, Bearcats outperforming expectations

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It's not a secret that Northwest men's basketball touts a high-octane offense, one that seems to border between exceptional and ridiculous.

The Bearcats (19-0, 9-0 MIAA) lead the nation in scoring margin, beating their opponents by an average of 23.9 points per game. They're No. 1 in 3-point percentage (44.1 percent), and they rank third in field goal percentage (53.1).

More often than not, Northwest shoots the lights out.

But when statistics emerged on Twitter last week originating from Synergy Sports Tech, it provided some perspective of just how good the Bearcats have been this season.

Before the No. 2 Bearcats earned two double-digit conference road wins over Nebraska-Kearney and Fort Hays State last week, they averaged 1.34 points per possession. The NCAA Division I record is 1.23 points per possession.

According to Synergy, Northwest's offense is the most efficient of any collegiate offense at any level dating back to 2005. Coach Ben McCollum wasn't really surprised by this revelation.

"For the last few years, we've been towards the top of the country, if not the top of the country, in offensive efficiency," McCollum said. "So, (the newfound stats) didn't shock me probably like it did everyone else."

McCollum essentially chalked up Northwest's superior offensive efficiency to execution.

The Bearcats shoot well from beyond the arc, they limit mid-range shots, they attack the paint and they rarely turn the ball over. Those things, McCollum said, translate to an efficient offense.

"I'm not a huge stat guy, except for the results," McCollum said. "My big thing is, try to get (in the) paint and try to get quality catch-and-shoot threes or quality off-the-bounce threes. We've got kids that want to win and they understand that's the best way to win, so they naturally will do that."

Ahead of Northwest and its acclaimed offense lies two familiar and unforgiving foes. The Bearcats will take on Pittsburg State (14-5, 7-3 MIAA) Jan. 31 and Missouri Southern (16-4, 7-3 MIAA) Feb. 2.

Pittsburg State sits fourth in the MIAA and is led by second-year coach Kim Anderson who led Central Missouri to a Divi-



AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore forward Ryan Hawkins (33) is averaging 16.2 points and 9.3 rebounds per game in his first season as a starter for Northwest. The forward's dynamic play has helped Northwest to a 19-0 start after graduating four senior starters last spring.

sion II National Championship in 2014 before serving as head coach at the University of Missouri for three seasons.

"He's got good players," McCollum said of Anderson. "Yeah, he's got a lot of talent. And that's what he always had at Central, too. They've got two kids that score a majority of their points and are very difficult to defend, and they take care of the basketball. It'll be a fun game against them."

Missouri Southern carries a different challenge, and with it, a deeper rivalry of late. The Bearcats have lost two in a row to the Lions,

including a 73-70 loss at Bearcat Arena last February, the last Northwest home loss on record.

McCollum wouldn't allude that the matchup with Southern held greater weight than any other conference game and interjected before sophomore forward Ryan Hawkins even got the chance.

"It's just another game, isn't it Hawk?" McCollum asked rhetorically when Hawkins was asked about the possibility of the Missouri Southern contest serving as an opportunity for revenge.

The moment defined a sentiment that Northwest has main-

tained throughout the season and perhaps throughout McCollum's tenure: every game matters as much as the last.

The belief is not only preached on the surface but seems to be genuinely practiced internally for Northwest.

"(The expectation is) just to play hard, just to compete and see what happens," McCollum said in regards to the upcoming matchups. "I don't usually build them up a ton, so we just kind of go hard and see what happens, really. (There's) no change, no difference."

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### UP NEXT

**Northwest vs Pittsburg State**  
7:30 p.m. Jan. 31  
Bearcat Arena

**Northwest vs Missouri Southern**  
3:30 p.m. Feb. 2  
Bearcat Arena



AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior forward Kaylani Maiava (35) works to get a contested layup off against Missouri Western's Jessica Davies in Northwest's 66-43 loss in St. Joseph Jan. 19.

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After splitting a doubleheader on the road, Northwest women's basketball has made a turn in the right direction during the latter part of the MIAA conference season.

The Bearcats (7-11, 3-6 MIAA) made the 251-mile trip north to square off against the Lopers (12-7, 5-5 MIAA) who have been almost unscathed on their home court, going 9-1 until the Jan. 24 meeting. Northwest came into the contest hungry for a win after dropping its last three games to conference opponents.

Things seemed to click for the Bearcats in the Health and Sports Center, winning each individual quarter edging out Nebraska-Kearney 74-62. Northwest made 12 three-pointers on 29 attempts and missed just one shot at the free-throw line, going 20-for-21 from the stripe.

"The win over Kearney was probably our most complete game as a team," coach Austin Meyer said. "We played extremely well on the offensive end."

Sophomore guard Jaelyn Haggard led the team with 16 points with fellow guard Kendey Eaton not far behind finishing with 15 points. Junior guard Erika Schlosser completed a game-high seven assists, and senior forward Kaylani Maiava finished with nine rebounds.

The winning momentum didn't last long for the Bearcats as they competed in another challenging road test entering Hays, Kansas, to take on the Tigers. Fort Hays (18-1, 9-1 MIAA) is currently ranked as the No. 8 team in all of Division II and at the top of the MIAA standings.

Through the first two quarters, Northwest hung in the game, knocking down eight three-pointers in the first 20 minutes. The two squads went into their respective halftime locker rooms with Fort Hays clinging to a nine-point lead at the midpoint. It was when the second half whistle blew that the tides started turning in favor of the Tigers.

Fort Hays began the third quarter on an 18-0 run and shut the door on any chance the Bearcats had of clawing their way back into the contest. Northwest only added three more buckets coming from behind the three-point line in the second half and was outrebounded 39-22.

The final score from Gross Memorial Coliseum came in favor of Tigers, 91-63.

"We knew Hays was the No. 8 team in the country and No. 1 scoring defense in the league going in, and we scored 40 points in the first half and competed," Meyer said. "In the second half, it wasn't so pretty. Hopefully, we'll learn from it."

While coming up short, the Bearcats shot 14-for-16 behind the charity stripe against Fort Hays and rose to the top spot in all of Division II basketball in the free throw percentage category. On the season, Northwest has made 204 of 249 free throws, for an average of 82 percent.

"Coach (Addae) Houston always says that free throws win games," Meyer said. "The girls kind of throw that back in a sarcastic way at us, but at least we know that they are processing it."

Comparing the 2018-19 season to past years, the players are starting to really take note of the changes that have been happening in and around the culture of women's bas-

### UP NEXT

**Northwest vs Pittsburg State**  
5:30 p.m. Jan. 31  
Bearcat Arena

**Northwest vs Missouri Southern**  
1:30 p.m. Feb. 2  
Bearcat Arena

ketball at Northwest. Senior forward Maria Dentlinger is a prime example of feeling the change that has come with the Meyer administration.

"I think this year there has just been a lot of new positive energy coming in upbeat practices, and it makes it a lot more fun in those hard practices and workouts," Dentlinger said. "Whenever everyone is having a lot more fun doing it, it's just a lot more enjoyable."

Dentlinger is playing her final season with the team and has scored 190 points in her career at Northwest.

The road doesn't get any easier for the Bearcats as they welcome Pittsburg State (15-4 overall, 7-3) to Bearcat Arena Jan. 31. The Gorillas are currently fourth in the MIAA conference standings and will only square off against Northwest once during the 2018-19 season. In terms of record books, Pittsburg State controls the all-time record between the two universities, 36-20.

"This is going to be a big week for us taking on Pitt State at home," Meyer said. "They had cracked the top-5 before losing to Emporia State and Washburn, so they're really good. It's going to be a big challenge for us."